

## Long-Range Management Plan for Medea Creek

### The Process That I was Intending to Follow to Establish a Permanent Vegetative Buffer with Stakeholder and Community Input and Oak Park MAC Recommended Approval May 2025 – February 2026

■ **May 2025:** Present the Mid-Year Progress Report to the Oak Park MAC and community to show this work plan item is still a work in progress; it is not finalized. Allows the MAC to understand the purpose of the project and how it can achieve the objective of establishing a reasonable balance of flood, fire, and environmental protection along Medea Creek from Oak Hills Drive to the Oak Park/ Agoura Hills boundary.

■ **June to October:** Work with Supervisor Gorell's office to have one-on-one meetings with the key stakeholders:

- Ventura County Public Works & Watershed Protection District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District
- Ventura County Fire Department and Fire Safe Council
- Ventura County Resource Conservation District and Oak Park Friends of Open Space
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Triunfo Sanitation & Water District.

Receive stakeholder input on alternative approaches for establishing and managing the buffer area. Produce a solution stakeholders can support. Discussions would address operational and logistical issues such as, but not limited to:

- Would a year-round 60-foot-wide buffer work for your organization; meet your regulations; work operationally?
- Would cattails/ reeds and/or other types of vegetation be acceptable to your organization?
- Other changes to the concept of a 60-foot-wide buffer?

■ **November 2025:** Present the Year-End DRAFT Report to the Oak Park MAC and community at the November 2025 MAC. Posted on the Oak Park MAC website. This gives the MAC and public a clear understanding of what is being proposed and keeps the conversation focused rather than all over the place. This would be a first-round opportunity for the MAC and public to provide input. The second and final input session would be at the February MAC.

■ **December – January 2026:** Based on input received, there may be a need for follow up discussions with the original stakeholders to refine the approach.

■ **February 2026:** Present FINAL DRAFT Report to the Oak Park MAC and community with input. MAC makes an advisory recommendation and forwards on to Supervisor Gorell for final decision.